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## **IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UNCHANGED**

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2004 totaled 245,000 head, the same as the September 1, 2003 inventory, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 4 percent from the number on hand August 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 58,000 head, the same as August 2003 placements. Marketings during August totaled 47,000 head, down 5,000 from August 2003 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.97 million head on September 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2003 but 2 percent below September 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.10 million, 12 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. Net placements were 2.04 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 506,000, 600-699 pounds were 413,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 615,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent below 2003 and 10 percent below 2002. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during August, 7 percent below 2003 but 30 percent above 2002.

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